

The Cougar Chronicle



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Students plan holiday show of music

NTCA students are planning a Christmas program of "Candlelight Caroling" this year.

Set for 7 p.m. on December 17 in the High Pointe Church of Christ auditorium, the program will feature traditional Christmas carols and Bible readings.

Students need to arrive at 6:30 p.m. Preschool students should wear church

or holiday clothes. Elementary students should wear holiday attire (dresses for girls and nice dress pants or khakis for boys with an oxford shirt and tie or sweater). Also, elementary

students are asked to wear a winter hat, gloves/mittens, and/or a scarf.



All preschool and elementary classes will be participating. It's a great way to celebrate the joy of Christmas!

Students help High Pointe ministry hand out Thanksgiving food bags

After reading a novel about a girl who helps others, Mrs. Erin Owens' third-grade class decided to do some helping of their own. They assisted the High Pointe Food Pantry with handing out Thanksgiving food bags to needy families on November 18.

"I was blown away by my kids," Mrs. Owens said. "The line for food was all the way to the parking lot a solid hour before the doors opened to hand out Thanksgiving food baskets. These kids worked incredibly hard!"

The students were upset



Mrs. Owens and her students prepare to give out Thanksgiving food bags with High Pointe Church of Christ.

when there were more families than food bags, which meant about 30 families left without Thanksgiving groceries.

"I think it really opened their eyes to the need in our very own community," Mrs. Owens said. "To these

kids, the food pantry is not just a room off the corner of the gym any more. It really means something to these kids now."

"Most of them made comments about making a

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NTCA families donate more than 80 pairs in shoe drive

Through the generosity of NTCA Cougars and their families, more than 80 children around the world will soon receive new athletic shoes.

The shoes and socks donated by students will go to at-risk children in the United States and in orphanages around the world through Shoes for Orphan Souls, a ministry of Buckner International.

"The students and parents have been extremely generous in their giving," Mrs. Young said. "We also received several donations from High Pointe Church of Christ members."

The shoes and socks, along with pictures of students and their families, were packed during Chapel on Nov. 11.

"A huge thank you goes to all who donated or contributed to this effort. Teaching others the love of Christ through service is one of the missions of our school. NTCA showed love in a great way through this project," Mrs. Young said.

Mrs. Michelle McDougald's Kindergarten class had 100 percent participation in the project and will receive a "No Uniform Tuesday."

Last year, students gathered 50 pairs of new shoes in one week for Shoes for Orphan Souls.

NTCA students collected shoes for Shoes for Orphan Souls and packed them during chapel recently.



Thanksgiving Program



ABOVE: Preschool students sing about "Super Turkey" with the help of Mrs. Belinda Phillips. RIGHT: The preschool program ended with "Thank You, God, Very Much" before students went back to their classrooms for a fake feast with their families, followed by a real lunch.

RIGHT: Students in Mrs. Jenifer DeLaughter's three-year-old class warn a big, fat turkey to watch out during the Preschool Thanksgiving Program on November 19. The elementary feast was held the next day.



Cougar of the Month

Preston Campbell was the October Cougar of the Month. He is in Mrs. Paige Scott's fourth-grade class.

"Preston does an amazing job of showing selflessness to those around him," Mrs. Scott said. "He is sensitive to others' feelings and always willing to help out a friend. Preston works well in cooperative groups and understands how to listen to other students' ideas. We can all learn from his ability to put other people's feelings before his own."



Preston Campbell

Congratulations, Preston!

October Students of the Week

Week of October 5

KR – Bryce Tennison and Masyn Hoke
K – Morgan Krizek
1st – Morgan Pettway
2nd – Bradley Wolgamott
3rd – Joe Young
4th – Preston Campbell
5th/6th – Bailey Boyle

Week of October 12

KR – Lucy Ranney and Corbin Ross
1st – Hayden Winstead
3rd – Garrett Krizek
5th/6th – Justin Kirkonnell

Week of October 19

KR – Bennett Edwards and Mara Dooley
K – Logan Campbell
1st – Emerson Waskom
2nd – Cory Tennison
3rd – Tate Chaffin
4th – Dawson Boyle
5th/6th – Sara Mendoza

Week of October 26

KR – Wyatt Abshire and Katherine Van Druff
K – Hope Boyle
2nd – Cora Brewer
3rd – Haylee Winstead
4th – Amy Atkins
5th/6th – Savannah Warner

Classroom News

Second grade

Second grade has been writing, writing, writing All About Me papers. They are writing about families, pets, trips, sports, and hobbies. We are learning a lot about writing and each other. In Social Studies, we have been reading about the beginning of our country. It has been interesting to see how many attempts it takes to build a nation. In Math, we have been playing games with tiles about money. We are learning the value of all the coins and bills as well as how to count them quickly. This month we will create menus with prices and order from each other, putting our money skills into practice. In Science, we are finishing up a unit on animals and starting to learn about magnets. Along with all this, Christmas activities are soon to begin!

Save the Date:

Jan. 1 — New Year's Holiday—No school

Jan. 15 — Teacher workday—No school

Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—No school



Honda Cars of McKinney is a generous supporter of NTCA. Honda Cars graciously sponsored our annual golf tournament at the Silver Level. Don Boyle, General Sales Manager, is a major supporter of our school. Don is always willing to help NTCA in any way possible. Honda Cars also loans cars and trucks to NTCA for trips and parades. The support of Honda Cars of McKinney to our school is invaluable. Please show your support of Honda Cars of McKinney by purchasing or leasing a Honda from Don. You can contact Don at:

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Join Cougar P.R.I.D.E.

As our school grows it becomes vitally important and necessary for our parents to have an increased role in school events and activities. We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

• **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Orphan Souls

- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates reasonable and provide scholarships.
- **Internal Communications**— newsletter, web site
- **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.
- **Events**— Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.

To volunteer, contact Joy Beach at 214.544.1794 or jbeach@northtexaschristian.org.



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commitment to bring more food on Chapel day to donate so we wouldn't have to turn away families ever again. That brought tears to my eyes. I asked how it felt to help all of these people, and the common response was that it made their hearts feel so full it could explode! What an emotional day!"

The students recently read the novel *Because of Winn-Dixie*. The main character, Opal, spends most of her summer in her new town helping others.



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December Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		2 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofor, Renee Hicks, Tina Tennison	3 Anndria Wilson, Marie Hoke	4 Rita Atkins, Ken Dunlap, Heather Rose, Teresa Shaw
7 Jason Bartlett, Kim Jones	8 Colleen Haaland	9 Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison	10 Cirrie Martin, Holly Milstead	11 Sharon Dunlap, Tamara Kearn
14 Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowman	15 Shelly Waskom, Colleen Haaland	16 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofor, Renee Hicks, Tina Tennison	17 Anndria Wilson, Holly Milstead, Marie Hoke	18 Rita Atkins, Ken Dunlap, Heather Rose, Tamra Kearn
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No School – Christmas Holidays				
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